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SUBJ: SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION: STATEMENT BY MEXICAN

FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA

1. SUMMARY: MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA SAID THAT AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, TO GOM SOUGHT "AUTHENTICITY IN POSITIONS....AND IMMEDIACY IN ACTION." HE PRESENTED THE G-77 PAPER AS BEING NOT AN INVENTORY OF COMPLAINTS BUT A SERIOUS DOCUMENT OUTLINING LDC CONCERNS AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS. RABASA COMMENDED SEVERAL ECHEVERRIA INITIATIVES TO THE SESSION AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF CERD'S AS GIVING FORM AND SUBSTANCE TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. HE CONCLUDED HIS SPEECH WITH A LISTING OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WHICH HE HOPED WOULD BE APPROVED BY THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. END SUMMARY.

2. SPEAKING ON SEPTEMBER 4, MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA SAID THAT AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION THE GOM SOUGHT "AUTHENTICITY IN POSITIONS TAKEN AND IMMEDIACY IN ACTION." HE SUGGESTED THAT CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRESS COULD

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FOLLOW FROM AGREEMENT ON (A) THE URGENT NEED TO FORMULATE

PRINCIPLES FOR THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND
(B) RECOGNITION THAT THIS ORDER CAN BE BUILT ONLY ON THE
BASIS OF TRUE AND CONSCIENTIOUS COOPERATION AMONG ALL
CONCERNED.

3. RABASA DESCRIBED THE G-77 POSITION PAPER AS BEING
"NOT AN INVENTORY OF COMPLAINTS AND RECRIMINATIONS" BUT
RATHER A "SERIOUS, WELL-FOUNDED DOCUMENT" WHICH OUTLINES
THE SIX MOST URGENT COMPONENTS OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER AND SUGGESTS VIABLE FORMULAS FOR THE ACHIEVE-
MENT OF THAT ORDER. HE THEN REVIEWED IN GENERAL TERMS THE
THRUST OF G-77 PROPOSALS. RABASA COMMENTED THAT THE RPO-
POSED INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT WAS
A WATERED-DOWN VERSION OF A GOM PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA PRO-
POSAL FOR A WORLD FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH BANK.

4. RABASA SUGGESTED THAT THE REPORT OF THIS SESSION SHOULD
REFLECT RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE ICIWY AND, FINDING IT
STRANGE THAT AN ITEM ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT WAS NOT ON THE
AGENDA, REPEATED AN ECHEVERRIA PROPOSAL TO URGENTLY CONVENE
A CONFERENCE ON YOUNG PEOPLE TO DISCUSS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SOLVING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
PROBLEMS. RABASA ALSO DISCUSSED OTHER ECHEVERRIA INITIA-
TIVES--A FINANCIAL FUND TO SUPPORT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
EFFORTS TO PROTECT PRICES AND MARKETING OF THEIR RAW MATERI-
ALS, AND AN INFORMATION UNIT TO PROVIDE LDC'S WITH PRECISE
AND ACCURANTE INFORMATION ON WORLD MARKET CONDITIONS--
WHICH, HE SAID, HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE LIMA NON-ALIGNED
MEETING.

5. RABASA STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CERD'S AS "THE MOST
APPROPRIATE MEANS FOR GIVING FORM AND SUBSTANCE TO THE NEW
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER" AND DREW PARTICULAR ATTENTION
TO ARTICLES 8 AND 17.

6 IN CONCLUDING, RABASA PRESENTED SIX "SPECIFIC AND
POSITIVE" PROPOSALS TO BE APPROVED AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL
SESSION:

(A) CREATION OF A SPECIALIZED UN ORGAN FOR
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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT;

(B) "POLITICAL AGREEMENT THAT WILL PROMOTE THE
DRAWING UP OF AN INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR BASIC
PRODUCTS";

(C) PRACTICAL MEASURES TO ESTABLISH MACHINERY TO
IMPROVE AND INCREASE THE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES;

(D) CREATION OF AN INFORMATION BANK ON INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY AND THE ADOPTION OF A BINDING INTERNATIONAL CODE FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY;

(E) "MINIMAL ASSISTANCE" IN FOOD, FINANCIAL SUPPORT (THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND), AND MACHINERY FOR THE PROPER MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL SURPLUSES; AND

(F) ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE TO INITIATE THE PROCESS OF RESTRUCTURING THE UN SYSTEM.

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